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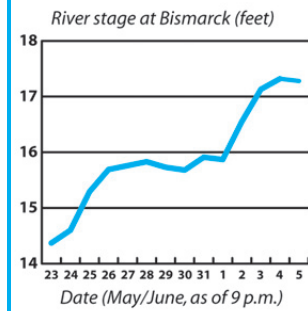
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Missouri River heights at Bismarck, releases at Garrison Dam



Flood stage at Bismarck: 16 feet

9 p.m. reservoir release: 122,000 cubic feet per second

Planned releases: June 7: increase to 130,000 cfs

SOURCE: U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, DAYWEATHER, U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Missouri's rise still slow

River stays below 18 ft. for now

By CHRISTOPHER BJORKE
Bismarck Tribune

The Missouri River's rise has been slower than was expected, but it is still inching closer to cutting off access to homes.

"We have a ways to go in both time and levels," said Bismarck Mayor John Warford at Sunday's morning flood update.

The Missouri was at 17.28 feet at 9 p.m. Sunday, while the National Weather Service had predicted it would reach 18 feet by then. Its new forecast predicts a level of 18 feet on June 8.

"The stage associated with the flows we're seeing today is lower than we expected," said Maj. Gen. David Sprynczyzny, commander of the North Dakota National Guard.

Predictions of the river's level are based on flow rates never seen here since the completion of the Garrison Dam, and so far the actual river levels have come in lower.

John Martin, meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Bismarck, said that was in part because there were no past data of the river flowing at such a high volume to base a model on. Water being stored in *Continued on 7A*



WILL KINCAID/Tribune

Volunteers fill pallets with sandbags during Sunday's Sandbag Throw-Down at the Northern Plains Commerce Centre in Bismarck. Organizers hoped a thousand volunteers would turn out to help fill sandbags. **MORE PHOTOS ON 7A.**

BY THE NUMBERS

122,000

cubic feet per second (cfs), outflows from the Garrison Dam on Sunday evening

120,000

(cfs) inflows into Lake Sakakawea

81,000

sandbags filled Saturday

569

people reported evacuated in Burleigh County

154

people reported evacuated in Morton County

18

feet, projected river height on June 8

Flooding & finances



Economic cost adds up for businesses

By REBECCA BEITSCH and CHRISTOPHER BJORKE
Bismarck Tribune

The response to Missouri River flooding has meant strong sales for some stores, but it has taken its toll on other companies and its ultimate cost will be difficult to measure.

Businesses along the river have faced the double whammy of working to protect their structures while also sending the message that they are still open for business.

Rick White, owner of Captain Freddy's along the river in Mandan, said after the initial news of the dam releases, the phone wouldn't stop ringing with people wondering if they were still open.

Despite the initial interest from customers, business has been slow.

"We thought people would come out here to release stress, but we're way down this week," White said Thursday, referring to sales.

Having to prepare his property for the flood also is having an effect on business as the deck is being occupied by loud machinery.

That same protection also means cutting out a source of income.

"Being completely dependent on the river, we're not going to have any boat traffic this year, and that's about 40 percent of our business," White said.

Stacy Keller at the nearby Broken Oar said business has been good considering the circumstances, something he expects to continue so long as the



ABOVE: Rick White, owner of Captain Freddy's in Mandan, said business has been slow since the Missouri started flooding.

LEFT: With travel on Expressway Avenue mostly closed, the lack of customers and the risk of flooding has caused Bismarck Honda Nissan Hyundai to empty its sales lot of cars and trucks. (MIKE McCLEARY/Tribune)



road stays open.

He too has been making preparations, ordering his inventory on a day-by-day basis.

The Lewis and Clark Riverboat has suspended tours for the time being, something Fort Lincoln Foundation director Tracy Potter said he believes will cost the organization about \$100,000.

That meant layoffs for

the dozen or so summer employees as well as refunds for all the couples who booked the riverboat for their June weddings.

Effects are being seen off the river as well.

Another seasonal enterprise is the Riverwood Golf Course, owned by the Bismarck Park District. It will be surrounded by dikes for much of the summer, punching a hole in the dis-

trict's revenue.

"It will certainly have some impact, but it's too early to put a number on it," said Augie Ternes, finance manager for the park district. It will also lose revenue from campers at Sibley Park, and the cost of clean up is still unknown.

Businesses are taking precautions farther away *Continued on 7A*



Associated Press

Volunteers arriving to help move farmers from the waters of the Missouri River travel in the bucket of a tractor near Fort Calhoun, Neb., on Tuesday.

Neb., Iowa cities waiting for water

By JOSH FUNK
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Cities up and down the Missouri River in Nebraska and Iowa are inspecting flood walls and piling up sandbags to prepare for a deluge of water the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will release later this month.

But it's difficult for anyone to feel 100 percent confident about their preparations because this year's flooding will likely exceed the 1993 flood and might rival the record 1952 flood. And the flooding may last most of the summer. *Continued on 7A*

"We are planning for what we know right now. But you always have to be ready for the unknowns."

Sioux City, Iowa spokesman Joe Rodriguez

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Departure of wounded leader sparks street celebrations — 2A

For her daughter
Mother doing all she can to help daughter cope with dialysis — 1B



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